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SUBJ: SOVIET PROPAGANDIST'S REMARKS ON FRANCE, FRG, AND CHINA

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1. FRANCE IS CRITICIZED FOR THE DECISION TO QUIT OBSERVING
VICTORY ANNIVERSARY. CHINA IS ACCUSED OF NEFARIOUS
DESIGNS VIS-A-VIS SOVIET UNION IN EUROPE. AND WEST GERMANS
ARE BLAMED FOR PROMOTING NEW VERSIONS OF WAR RESPONSIBILITY.
END SUMMARY.

2. ZNANIYE (KNOWLEDGE) SOCIETY PROPAGANDIST HAD HARSH
WORDS FOR FRANCE, FRG AND CHINA IN SUNDAY, MAY 18,
PRESENTATION ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. SPEAKER
VETERAN LENINGRAD PROPAGANDIST MIKHAIL DMITRIYEVICH SOLOV'YEV.
FOLLOWING IS ACCOUNT OF HIS REMARKS.

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3. THERE HAS RECENTLY OCCURRED A TERRIBLE EVENT IN EUROPE. THIS WAS THE DECISION OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT THAT FRANCE WOULD NO LONGER OBSERVE THE ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II. ONE MAY BE SURE THAT THIS WAS "NOT BY CHANCE," AND IT SAYS A LOT. IT SERVES THE COMMON POSITIONS OF MONOPOLY CIRCLES IN WESTERN EUROPE WHICH WANT TO OBSCURE THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET UNION PLAYED A DECISIVE ROLE IN DEFEAT OF FASCIST GERMANY. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO LOOK AT THIS DECISION AND THE SATISFACTION WHICH IT PRODUCED IN WEST GERMANY. THE FACT IS THAT THE WEST GERMANS HAVE EVEN STARTED TO SPEAK OF SO-CALLED CRIMES AGAINST GERMANY DURING THE WAR, SAYING THAT HITLER WAS NOT A CRIMINAL, BUT, RATHER, THAT OTHERS WERE IN THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST THE GERMANS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FRG IS OPPOSING SOCIALISM AND ACTIONS OF PROGRESSIVE GERMAN YOUTH. THE FORCES OF OPPOSITION ARE VERY ACTIVE AS SEEN AGAIN IN A PRESS INTERVIEW IN THE US IN WHICH GEORGE WALLACE SAID THAT THE US MADE A MISTAKE IN WWII AND WAS ON THE WRONG SIDE.

4. ONE CANNOT OVERLOOK THE ACTIONS OF OPPONENTS OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE. THIS IS SEEN VERY CLEARLY IN THE VISIT OF CHINESE DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING TO FRANCE. THIS VISIT HAS AN ANTI-SOVIET CHARACTER. TENG, WHO IS NUMBER THREE IN CHINA, HAS RECEIVED THE "ROYAL TREATMENT" FROM THE FRENCH. HE IS NOT ONLY A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, BUT ALSO IS PREDOMINANT IN PARTY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS. IT IS THUS "NOT BY CHANCE" THAT HE WAS SHOWN THE FRENCH NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER. PEKING FIGURES ARE CHARGING THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS PLANNING WAR IN EUROPE AND THE MAOISTS EVEN OPPOSE THE WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM EUROPE. THE CHINESE HAVE ESTABLISHED TIES WITH THE COMMON MARKET SINCE, WITH THE HELP OF THE COMMON MARKET, THEY WANT TO EXERCISE INFLUENCE OVER THE AGGRESSIVE NATO BLOC. THE MAOISTS WANT TO OPEN A SECOND FRONT IN EUROPE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, UPSETTING THE PEACEFUL COURSE IN EUROPE. BUT THEY WON'T SUCCEED BECAUSE EUROPE HAS THE MOST REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL SOCIETY OF THE SKILLED PROLETARIAT AND IT WILL REJECT SUCH PRETENSIONS.

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